

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

a. Public Comment Period

These regulations were considered at the public hearing held on December 12, 2018, in Sacramento. No comments were received during the 45-day comment period from October 26, 2018, to 5:00 p.m. December 12, 2018.

b. Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do not impose a new mandate upon local agencies, or any mandate on school districts. There are no “state-mandated local costs” in these regulations which require state reimbursement under Section 17500 et seq. of the Government Code because any costs associated with the implementation of these regulations are costs mandated by the federal government within the meaning of Section 17513 of the Government Code.

c. Statement of Alternatives Considered

In developing the regulatory action, CDSS considered the following alternatives with the following results: No alternatives have been presented for review.

The CDSS has determined that no reasonable alternative considered, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

d. Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact on Business

The CDSS has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made because these requirements only apply to county child welfare agencies and probation departments.